

MASSACHUSETTS FISH & WILDLIFE

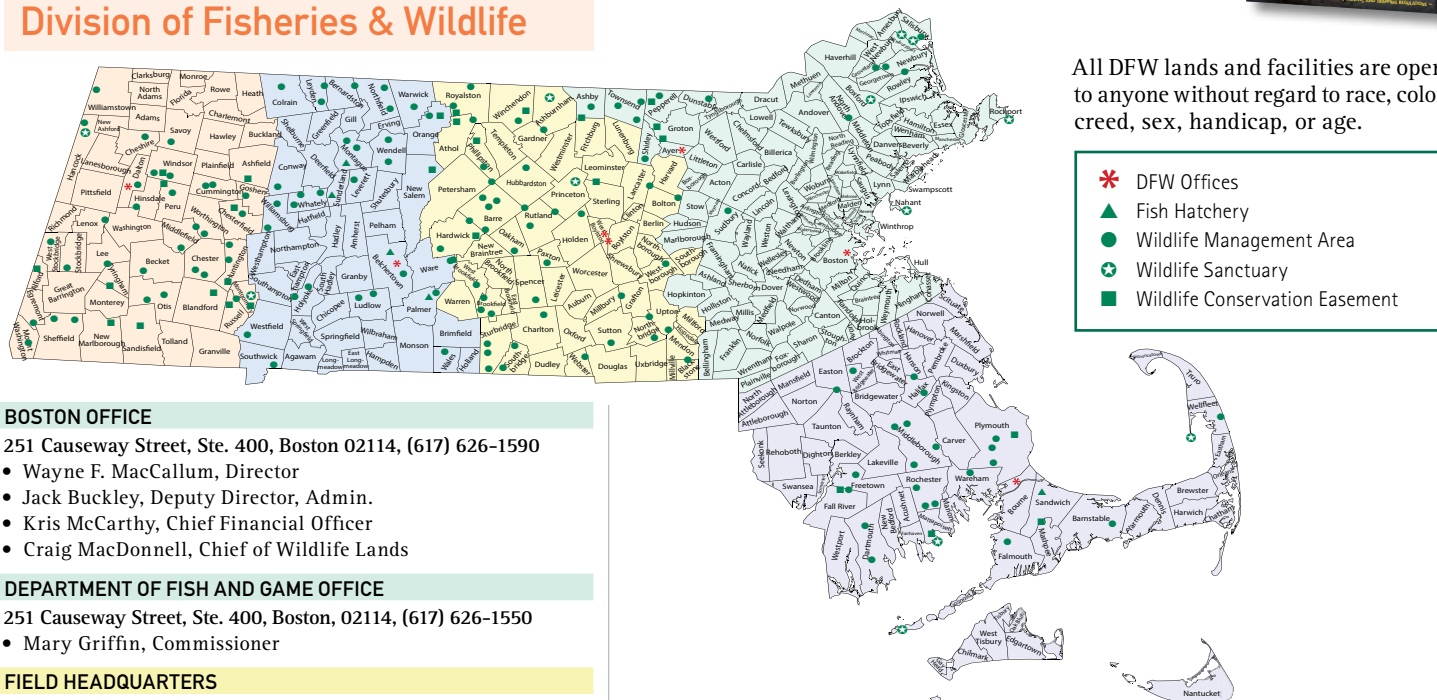
2013 QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE



This quick reference listing is provided for your convenience. Please refer to the full 2013 *Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife Guide to Hunting, Fishing and Trapping* for a more extensive summary of the 2013 laws and regulations.



Division of Fisheries & Wildlife



All DFW lands and facilities are open to anyone without regard to race, color, creed, sex, handicap, or age.

- * DFW Offices
- ▲ Fish Hatchery
- Wildlife Management Area
- ⊕ Wildlife Sanctuary
- Wildlife Conservation Easement

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NEW FOR 2013:

- Expanded Statewide Fall Turkey Hunting Season, Fall Turkey Zones, and Ammunition Size.
- New falconry and baitfish regulations are now in effect.
- DFW Field Headquarters has temporarily moved from Westborough, MA to 100 Hartwell Street, Suite 230, West Boylston, MA 01583.
- Possession limit of unchecked deer increased to 4 in Zones 13 and 14.

About the Guide

The full 2013 *Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife Guide to Hunting, Freshwater Fishing & Trapping* contains a summary of the laws and regulations in place as of November 1, 2012. Any changes in law or regulation enacted after September 1, 2013 are publicized through releases to the news media, town clerk's offices, all license sales outlets, and on our website. These are not the complete laws and regulations. Laws and regulations (MGL Ch. 131 and 321 CMR) are subject to change.

Hunting, fishing, sporting, and trapping licenses must be carried on your person and shown on demand to any officer empowered to enforce these laws, and to landowners or lessees while on their property. A hunting, fishing or trapping license is not permission to trespass or intrude on private land, posted or not. Remember, your privilege to enter on private land is a courtesy extended to you by the owner. Practice courtesy and leave a good impression if you want to continue hunting, fishing or trapping.

License sales outlets may sell a hunting or sporting license only after seeing proof of a previous hunting license from any state or province, or year, or a certificate of completion of a Basic Hunter Education course from any state or province. Hunter Education program from any state or province.

Visit us at: www.mass.gov/masswildlife

Questions?: Contact us at mass.wildlife@state.ma.us

Fishing

	OPEN SEASON (All Dates Inclusive)	DAILY CREEL	MINIMUM LENGTH ¹
TROUT ²			
Lakes, ponds, major rivers ^{3, 5, 6}	Jan. 1 – Dec. 31	3	—
Housatonic River ⁴	Jan. 1 – Dec. 31	1	20"
All other rivers and brooks	Apr. 1 – Sept. 10	8	—
	Sept. 11 – Mar. 31, 2013	3	
LAKE TROUT			
Wachusett Reservoir ⁶	(see note 6)	3	—
Quabbin ⁶	(see note 6)	2	18"
SALMON (landlocked)	Jan. 1 – Dec. 31	2	15"
SALMON (broodstock) ⁷	Jan. 1 – Dec. 31	2	15"
AMERICAN SHAD	Jan. 1 – Dec. 31	6	—
CHAIN PICKEREL	Jan. 1 – Dec. 31	5	15"
BLACK BASS (Largemouth and Smallmouth, singly or combined):	Jan. 1 – Dec. 31	5	12"
NORTHERN PIKE	Jan. 1 – Dec. 31	1	28"
TIGER MUSKIE (Muskellunge)	Jan. 1 – Dec. 31	1	28"
WALLEYE	Jan. 1 – Dec. 31	5	14"
SMELT ⁸	Jan. 1 – Feb. 28 May 16 – Dec. 31	—	—
ALL OTHER FRESHWATER SPECIES	Jan. 1 – Dec. 31	—	—

STRIPED BASS and HERRING: For season, size, and possession limits call the **Division of Marine Fisheries** at (617) 626-1520, or visit their website at www.mass.gov/marinefisheries.

POSSESSION OF: Sturgeon (all species), American Brook Lamprey, Atlantic (sea-run) Salmon⁷, Bridle Shiner, Burbot, Eastern Silvery Minnow, Lake Chub, Longnose Sucker, and Northern Redbelly Dace is illegal! **If caught, release immediately.** This means remove hook or cut line and return fish to water **immediately** — do not pose for photographs, place on a stringer, hold in a net, or delay in any way the immediate return and release of these rare fish to the water!

- Minimum length** is measured as the straight line (not curved over the body) from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail. The tips of any forked tail may be squeezed together for the final measurement.
- Trout** applies to Brook, Brown, Rainbow, and Tiger Trout (a cross between a female brown and a male brook trout). From Apr. 1 to Sept. 10, no more than 8 trout (as defined) may be taken daily, and only 3 of those trout may be from lakes, ponds, or major rivers³. From Sept. 11 to Mar. 31, no more than 3 trout (as defined) may be taken daily.
- Major Rivers:** Childs, Coonamessett, Deerfield, Farmington, Green (Colrain), Green (Great Barrington), Ipswich, Jones, Mashpee, Millers, Nissitissit, North (Colrain), North (West Branch), Parker, Quaboag, Quinapoxet, Quinebaug, Seven Mile, Santuit, Scorton Creek, Shawsheen, Squannacook, Stillwater (Sterling, Princeton), Swift (East Branch), Swift (Winsor Dam to Ware River, except as posted), Tully (East and West Branches), Ware, Ware (East Branch), Westfield (all branches).
- Mainstem Housatonic only**, from the confluence of the East and West Branches to the MA–CT line, exclusive of the catch-and-release areas where no trout may be kept.
- Special Brown Trout water:** South Pond (Quacumquasit), Brookfield. Total daily creel is 3 trout but only 1 may be a brown trout and it must be at least 15".
- Quabbin and Wachusett Reservoirs:** Opening and closing dates are set by the Department of Conservation and Recreation. For Quabbin Reservoir visit www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/central/quabbin.htm or call (413) 323-7221. For Wachusett/Sudbury Reservoirs visit www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/central/wachRes.htm or call (508) 835-4816 or (978) 365-3800. Quabbin Reservoir and its tributary streams within the Quabbin Reservation are **closed to all fishing** except during the open season as set by the Department of Conservation and Recreation. The Wachusett/Sudbury/West Waushacum fishing season normally opens the first Saturday in April and closes Nov. 30, but the DCR/DWSP may alter those dates depending on ice conditions. At Wachusett Reservoir, shoreline fishing only is allowed from Gate 6 on Route 70 to Gate 36 on Route 110.
- The harvest of broodstock salmon** (Atlantic salmon) is lawful in all inland waters of Massachusetts except in: the Connecticut River and all its tributaries; and the Merrimack River downstream of the Essex Dam in Lawrence, MA. Only Atlantic salmon marked with a floy tag below the dorsal fin (see example in picture) may be harvested in the Merrimack River upstream of the Essex Dam in Lawrence, MA and all of its tributaries upstream of the Essex Dam. The possession of Atlantic salmon (including broodstock salmon) while fishing in the Connecticut River and all of its tributaries, and in the Merrimack River downstream of the Essex Dam in Lawrence, MA, is prohibited. The possession of Atlantic salmon (including broodstock salmon) without a floy tag below the dorsal fin while fishing in the Merrimack River upstream of the Essex Dam in Lawrence, MA is prohibited.
- Smelt** may be taken by hook and line only.



TO REPORT VIOLATIONS
(800) 632-8075

www.mass.gov/dfwele/dle

FREE FISHING WEEKEND

June 1 & 2, 2013 —
No license needed!

FRESHWATER SPORTFISHING AWARDS

Awards for freshwater fish are offered in 22 categories. Each qualified entry receives a bronze pin. Largest fish in each category each year receives a "gold" pin and plaque. There is also an annual "Angler of the Year" award for the person who has taken the greatest variety of "pinfish" during the year. Fish must meet minimum weight requirements listed below, and must be weighed on any scale certified by the Massachusetts Division of Standards or a town official. Please check our website for a list of weigh stations and/or to download an affidavit. This information is also available at DFW offices.

CURRENT MINIMUM WEIGHTS

SPECIES	ADULT	YOUTH
Broodstock salmon	10 lbs. 0 ozs.	5 lbs. 0 ozs.
Brook trout	2 lbs. 0 ozs.	1 lb. 0 ozs.
Brown trout	4 lbs. 0 ozs.	2 lbs. 0 ozs.
Bullhead	2 lbs. 0 ozs.	1 lb. 0 ozs.
Carp	15 lbs. 0 ozs.	10 lbs. 0 ozs.
Chain pickerel	4 lbs. 8 ozs.	3 lbs. 0 ozs.
Channel catfish	6 lbs. 0 ozs.	5 lbs. 0 ozs.
Crappie	1 lb. 8 ozs.	1 lb. 0 ozs.
Lake trout	7 lbs. 0 ozs.	5 lbs. 0 ozs.
Landlocked salmon ¹	4 lbs. 0 ozs.	3 lbs. 0 ozs.
Largemouth bass	7 lbs. 0 ozs.	4 lbs. 0 ozs.
Northern pike	15 lbs. 0 ozs.	10 lbs. 0 ozs.
Rainbow trout	3 lbs. 0 ozs.	2 lbs. 0 ozs.
Shad	5 lbs. 0 ozs.	3 lbs. 0 ozs.
Smallmouth bass	4 lbs. 8 ozs.	3 lbs. 0 ozs.
Sunfish ²	0 lbs. 12 ozs.	0 lbs. 8 ozs.
Tiger muskie	10 lbs. 0 ozs.	7 lbs. 0 ozs.
Tiger trout	2 lbs. 0 ozs.	1 lb. 0 ozs.
Walleye	4 lbs. 0 ozs.	2 lbs. 0 ozs.
White catfish	4 lbs. 0 ozs.	2 lbs. 0 ozs.
White perch	1 lb. 8 ozs.	1 lb. 0 ozs.
Yellow perch	1 lb. 8 ozs.	1 lb. 0 ozs.

- Landlocked Salmon are recognized only from Quabbin and Wachusett Reservoirs.
- Sunfish category includes bluegills, pumpkinseeds, redbreast sunfish, green and rock bass.

Hunting Seasons & Bag Limits

>> NO HUNTING ON SUNDAY <<

		OPEN SEASON (All Dates Inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT	SEASON LIMIT
UPLAND GAME BIRDS*					
Wild Turkey	Spring: Zones 1–13	Apr. 29 – May 25	See complete 2013 Massachusetts Guide to Hunting, Fishing & Trapping.		
	Fall: Zones 1–13	Oct. 21 – Nov. 2			
	Youth Hunt: Zones 1–13	April 27 (special restrictions apply**)			
Crow		Jan. 1 – Apr. 10 Jul. 2 – Apr. 10, 2014	–	–	–
Pheasant		Oct. 19 – Nov. 30	2	4	6
	Youth Hunt	See complete 2013 Massachusetts Guide to Hunting, Fishing & Trapping.			
Quail	Zones 11–14 only	Oct. 19 – Nov. 30	4	8	20
Ruffed Grouse		Oct. 19 – Nov. 30	3	6	15
BEAR (Bear hunting closed during shotgun deer season)					
Black Bear	Zones 1–9	Sept. 3 – Sept. 21 Nov. 4 – Nov. 23	See complete 2013 Massachusetts Guide to Hunting, Fishing & Trapping.		1
FURBEARERS					
Bobcat	Zones 1–8	Jan. 1 – Mar. 8 Dec. 20 – Mar. 8, 2014	–	–	–
Coyote		Jan. 1 – Mar. 8 Oct. 19 – Mar. 8, 2014	–	–	–
Fox (red or gray)		Jan. 1 – Feb. 28 Nov. 1 – Feb. 28, 2014	–	–	–
Raccoon		Jan. 1 – Jan. 31 Oct. 1 – Jan. 31, 2014	3	–	–
Opossum		Jan. 1 – Jan. 31 Oct. 1 – Jan. 31, 2014	–	–	–
DEER					
Deer	Archery	Oct. 21 – Nov. 30	See complete 2013 Massachusetts Guide to Hunting, Fishing & Trapping.		2 Antlered deer + antlerless deer by permit
	Shotgun	Dec. 2 – Dec. 14			
	Primitive Firearms	Dec. 16 – Dec. 31			
RABBITS & SQUIRRELS					
Cottontail Rabbit	Zones 1–12	Jan. 1 – Feb. 28 Oct. 19 – Feb. 28, 2014	5	10	–
	Zones 13 and 14	Jan. 1 – Feb. 28 Nov. 15 – Feb. 28, 2014	5	10	–
Snowshoe Hare	Zones 1–4	Jan. 1 – Feb. 28 Oct. 19 – Feb. 28, 2014	2	4	–
	Zones 5–12	Jan. 1 – Feb. 5 Oct. 19 – Feb. 5, 2014	2	4	–
		Zones 13 and 14	Jan. 1 – Feb. 5 Nov. 15 – Feb. 5, 2014	2	4
	Jackrabbit		Zone 14	Nov. 15 – Dec. 31	1
Gray Squirrel	Zones 1–9	Sept. 9 – Jan. 2, 2014	5	10	–
	Zones 10–14	Oct. 19 – Jan. 2, 2014	5	10	–
REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS					
Bullfrog and Green Frog		Jul. 16 – Sept. 30	12	24	–
Snapping Turtle		Jan. 1 – Dec. 31	–	–	–

Upland game bird hunting is closed during shotgun deer season.

* Migratory game birds (includes waterfowl, woodcock, snipe, rails): Seasons set annually. see *Migratory Bird Abstracts*.

** Must have completed the youth turkey hunt program (page 51).

Trapping Seasons

TRAPPING SPECIES	OPEN SEASON (All Dates Inclusive)
Bobcat*, Coyote*, Fox*, Weasel	Nov. 1 – Nov. 30
Fisher*	Nov. 1 – Nov. 22
Mink*, River Otter*	Nov. 1 – Dec. 15
Beaver*	Jan. 1 – April 15 Nov. 1 – April 15, 2014
Muskrat, Opossum, Raccoon, Skunk	Jan. 1 – Feb. 28 Nov. 1 – Feb. 28, 2014

* Pelt sealing required

Landowner Liability

Any landowner permitting use of his or her property for recreation without charging a fee is not liable for injuries to recreational users of the property except in cases of willful, wanton or reckless conduct by the owner. (MGL Ch. 21 § 17C)

Hunting

ONLINE CHECKING IS HERE!

Starting with the 2013 spring turkey season, successful hunters will be able to experience the convenience of online game checking. Successful hunters/trappers will have two options for checking in deer, turkey, bear, and most furbearers:

- 1 Bring the animal to a traditional check station, where personnel will assist you, or
- 2 Use the online *MassFishHunt* system and complete the process on your own.

Tags for Deer, Bear & Turkey

Tags for deer, bear, and turkey are printed along with your license at the time of purchase. Remember, your ability to reprint or produce copies of licenses, permits, and tags does NOT authorize you to exceed bag limits or use more than the legal number of tags issued to you.

How to Check Game Online

Here are the steps to follow if you choose to report a harvest online:

- 1 You are required to attach the appropriate printed paper tag for black bear, deer, or turkey to the animal immediately upon harvesting the animal. Don't wait to tag it at the vehicle. You must go online to report your harvest before you skin or butcher the animal. As in the past, you have 48 hours to report your deer, bear, and turkey harvest.
- 2 Go to www.mass.gov/massfishhunt. Enter your customer profile page by typing in your last name and customer ID number.
- 3 Click on the "Report a Harvest" button
- 4 Click to add the particular harvest report option and answer the harvest report questions. These questions cover the same information gathered at a traditional check station.
- 5 Click "Submit" after completely answering the questions. After you click "Submit" you will receive a confirmation number.
- 6 Write the confirmation number on the tag attached to the game. Writing the confirmation number on the paper tag from your permit or license will constitute the official "seal". The confirmation number must stay with the animal until skinned, butchered, or otherwise processed. As with metal or plastic seals, confirmation numbers are non-transferable to other game.

Deer Shotgun Season — the Exception to Online Checking

Deer cannot be checked online during the shotgun deer season. Deer harvest can be reported online during the archery and primitive arms seasons, but **during shotgun season all deer hunters will be required to check their deer at a traditional check station.** The reason for this is that DFW biologists must gather biological data that is difficult for the average hunter to ascertain. For instance, the age of a deer is determined by looking at the wear pattern of its teeth.

Checking Game at a Traditional Check Station

Remember you have 48 hours to check deer, bear, and turkey. When you check your game at a traditional check station, an official metal or plastic seal will be attached to the animal. The seal must remain on the animal until it is butchered, skinned, or otherwise processed. Check station locations can be found on the MassWildlife website or by calling a Mass-Wildlife District office.

Requirements for Reporting a Harvest at a Check Station:

- 1 You are required to attach the appropriate printed paper tag for black bear, deer, or turkey to the animal immediately upon harvesting the animal. Don't wait to tag it at the vehicle or at home!
- 2 Report the harvest of black bear, deer, or turkey within 48 hours of harvest by bringing the intact carcass (not skinned or butchered) of the animal to a check station where an official metal or plastic seal will be attached to the animal.
- 3 Keep the official (metal or plastic) seal attached to the animal until it is butchered, brought to a meat processor, or delivered to a taxidermist to be prepared for mounting or tanning.

Reporting Furbearer Harvest

Though there aren't harvest tags with the hunting and/or trapping license for beaver, bobcat, coyote, fisher, fox, mink, or otter, these animals must be reported either online (with the exception of bobcat and otter; see below) or at a furbearer check station within 4 days of the end of the season.

How to Check Furbearers Online

As with the other game checking, follow the instructions above (HOW TO CHECK GAME ONLINE) to access your account, click the Report a Harvest button and follow the prompts.

A DFW-issued confirmation number will be provided for each animal reported. That confirmation number must be attached to the individual pelt or carcass. Write the confirmation number on a tag of your own making, or print out your harvest report summary, highlight the confirmation number of the corresponding animal, and attach the tag or highlighted harvest report summary to that animal or pelt.

Bobcat and Otter — the Exception to Online Checking

Federal law requires that bobcat and otter have a specific CITES seal attached to their pelts. Therefore, bobcat and otters can ONLY be checked at a traditional check station. You cannot report the harvest of these animals online.

Checking Furbearers at a Traditional Check Station

- 1 Beaver, bobcat, coyote, fisher, fox, mink, and otter do not have harvest tags but must be reported. Bring the carcass or pelt to a furbearer check station for sealing within 4 working days of the end of the trapping season.

- 2 Keep the official seal attached to the above furbearers until the carcass is prepared for mounting by a taxidermist or the pelt is tanned or sold.

ANTLERLESS DEER PERMIT PROCEDURES

Any hunter who would like to harvest an antlerless deer in any season must possess an Antlerless Deer Permit. MassWildlife reminds hunters that the DFW no longer conducts a permit drawing, and that the hunting/sporting license number no longer has any bearing on the issuance of antlerless permits. The DFW no longer mails notification and/or remittance postcards to license buyers. It is up to the buyer to apply for the permit(s) on or before July 16, 2013, determine if he or she has drawn a permit, and pay for and print the permit.

Antlerless Deer Permit Application Period (December 1, 2012 – July 16, 2013)

All hunters interested in obtaining an Antlerless Deer Permit must apply when they initially purchase their license(s) or at any time prior to the application deadline of July 16, 2012. There will be no deadline exceptions!

Instant Award Period (August 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013)

Beginning August 1, 2013 (and continuing through the end of the calendar year) antlerless deer permit applicants **must return** to the MassFishHunt website (www.mass.gov/mass-fishhunt) either via the Internet, authorized license agent location, or MassWildlife Office to try to draw an antlerless deer permit in the zone for which the hunter previously applied. Upon returning to the MassFishHunt site, you or the license agent will select the zone for which you previously applied, and the system will instantly notify you if you drew an antlerless deer permit. If a permit is drawn, the hunter can pay the \$5.00 permit fee immediately and print the permit, or leave the permit in the shopping cart where it will remain until payment is made or until the permit expires. All permits expire on December 31 of the year issued. Only hunters who applied during the application period (July 16 or earlier) can apply for an antlerless deer permit, and only one attempt per hunter will be allowed during the Instant Award Period.

Over the Counter Surplus Permit Period (October 2013)

Surplus antlerless deer permits will be made available for sale at some point in October for any zone in which MassWildlife authorized more permits than were applied for by hunters. These surplus antlerless deer permits will be issued on a first-come/first-served basis. Surplus antlerless deer permits will be available over-the-counter through the Internet, at authorized license agent locations, and at DFW offices. Additional information regarding over-the-counter permit sales will be posted on the DFW website in late September.

Hunting

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA REGULATIONS

The Division of Fisheries & Wildlife owns 144 Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs), 13 Wildlife Sanctuaries, and other properties. Maps are available for many properties on the DFW website and at all DFW offices.

- 1 No person shall possess any alcoholic beverage except under permit, or dump or discard any can, bottle, or rubbish.
- 2 No person shall remove vegetation, soil, or stones from any WMA except under permit.
- 3 No person shall use excessive speed in driving a vehicle.
- 4 No person, unless under permit, shall drive or possess any vehicle except on roads or trails maintained for public vehicular traffic.
- 5 No person shall deface or tamper with any sign, building, or equipment.
- 6 No person shall build or maintain a fire without written permission from the Director of the DFW or his designee.
- 7 No person shall camp within any WMA without written permission from the Director or his designee.

- 8 No person shall engage in target practice without written permission from the Director or his designee.
- 9 No person shall use any means other than shotgun or bow and arrow during the pheasant and quail season on areas stocked with pheasant or quail except for hunting raccoons and opossums between 9pm and 3am, or except for the shooting of captured fur-bearing mammals by a licensed trapper.
- 10 No person shall hunt before sunrise or after sunset on any WMA where pheasant or quail are stocked during the open season on pheasant or quail, Oct. 19 – Nov. 30, except for the hunting of raccoons and opossums between 9pm and 3am.
- 11 No person shall hunt during the pheasant or quail season on WMAs where pheasant or quail are stocked without wearing a "hunter orange" cap or hat except while night hunting for raccoons or opossums or while hunting from a blind or boat.
- 12 No person, except under permit, shall dig or disturb any artifact or archaeological remains.
- 13 The Director may make special regulations to handle special situations peculiar to any WMA. Controlled hunts are in effect at certain times on Martin Burns, Delaney, and Ludlow WMAs. Contact District Supervisor for details.

Hunting Hours

Hunting hours are from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset on each day of open season except for:

- Rabbit, hare, fox, and coyote hunting, which closes at midnight.
- Spring turkey hunting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to 12:00 noon.
- Raccoon and opossum night hunting on WMAs (except Delaney and Flint Pond WMAs) is permitted from sunset to sunrise except from Oct. 15 to Nov. 26 on areas stocked with pheasant or quail, when raccoon and opossum may be hunted only from 9pm to 3am..
- WMA Reg. #10 which states that no person shall hunt before sunrise or after sunset on any WMA where pheasant or quail are stocked during the pheasant or quail season (Oct. 15–Nov. 26) except for the hunting of raccoons and opossums between 9pm and 3am.
- Migratory game bird hunting, which is 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.

2013 SUNRISE-SUNSET TABLE for WORCESTER, Massachusetts

Day	January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December	
	Rise AM	Set PM	Rise AM	Set PM	Rise AM	Set PM	Rise AM	Set PM	Rise AM	Set PM	Rise AM	Set PM	Rise AM	Set PM	Rise AM	Set PM	Rise AM	Set PM	Rise AM	Set PM	Rise AM	Set PM	Rise AM	Set PM
1	7:16	4:25	7:01	5:01	6:22	5:38	5:29	6:14	4:42	6:47	4:13	7:18	4:15	7:27	4:41	7:06	5:13	6:20	5:45	5:28	6:21	4:40	6:57	4:16
2	7:16	4:26	7:00	5:02	6:20	5:39	5:27	6:15	4:41	6:48	4:13	7:18	4:15	7:27	4:42	7:05	5:14	6:19	5:46	5:26	6:22	4:39	6:58	4:16
3	7:16	4:27	6:59	5:03	6:19	5:40	5:26	6:16	4:39	6:49	4:12	7:19	4:16	7:27	4:43	7:04	5:15	6:17	5:47	5:24	6:23	4:38	6:59	4:15
4	7:16	4:28	6:58	5:05	6:17	5:41	5:24	6:17	4:38	6:50	4:12	7:20	4:16	7:27	4:44	7:02	5:16	6:15	5:48	5:23	6:25	4:36	7:00	4:15
5	7:16	4:29	6:57	5:06	6:15	5:43	5:22	6:18	4:37	6:52	4:12	7:20	4:17	7:26	4:45	7:01	5:17	6:13	5:49	5:21	6:26	4:35	7:01	4:15
6	7:16	4:30	6:56	5:07	6:14	5:44	5:21	6:19	4:36	6:53	4:11	7:21	4:18	7:26	4:46	7:00	5:18	6:12	5:50	5:19	6:27	4:34	7:02	4:15
7	7:16	4:31	6:55	5:09	6:12	5:45	5:19	6:20	4:34	6:54	4:11	7:22	4:18	7:26	4:47	6:58	5:19	6:10	5:51	5:18	6:28	4:33	7:03	4:15
8	7:16	4:32	6:53	5:10	6:10	5:46	5:17	6:21	4:33	6:55	4:11	7:22	4:19	7:25	4:48	6:57	5:20	6:08	5:53	5:17	6:30	4:32	7:04	4:15
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